

SENATE BILL 1350

By Lowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 10; Title 38 and Title 39, relative to
constables.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-102(a)(1), is amended by
adding the following as a new subdivision:

() Have been certified by a Tennessee licensed healthcare provider qualified in
the psychiatric or psychological field as being free from any impairment, as set forth in
the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) of
the American Psychiatric Association at the time of the examination, that would, in the
professional judgment of the examiner, affect the applicant's ability to perform an
essential function of the job, with or without a reasonable accommodation;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-10-202(a), is amended by
designating the current language as subdivision (a)(1) and adding the following as a new
subdivision (a)(2):

(2) In addition to the in-service course time required pursuant to subdivision
(a)(1), a constable with law enforcement powers must, within twelve (12) months of
being elected or appointed, successfully complete a training program that is equivalent
to or superior to the training or continuing training required for a law enforcement officer
under standards established by the peace officer standards and training commission for
law enforcement officers.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it, and
applies to constables elected or appointed on or after that date.